

CASE: 1292

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

28 June 1977

ON 28 SEPTEMBER 1968, DAVID P. HAPLIN AND DAVID L. DIXON WERE CREWMEMBERS ABOARD #28 BOAT WHICH WAS ENGULFED BY FLAMES FORCING THE CREWMEMBERS TO JUMP INTO THE WATER IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDIANTES YD 320 600, IN SOUTH VIETNAM. BOTH CREWMEMBERS WERE DECLARED DECEASED. (REF 1 & 2)

=== REFERENCES ===

28 June 1977

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, DEPT OF THE NAVY, DD FORM 1300, 10 DEC 68. <2> EXTRACT, NAVY MASTER COMPUTER LIST, PG 124 AND 206, AS OF 2 NOV 74. <3> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

28 June 1977

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: DAVID P. HAPLIN 1292-0-01, AND DAVID L. DIXON 1292-0-03.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

7 October 1993

ON 21 AUG 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1292 IN THE ESTUARY VILLAGES OF GIO HAI, GIO VIET AND LONG HA. DURING THEIR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1292, VNOSMP TRAVELLED TO THE ESTUARY VILLAGES OF GIO HAI, GIO VIET, LONG HA, THIEU PHUOC, AND TRIEU VAN. THEY WERE UNABLE TO FIND ANYONE WITH INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS CASE. ON 21 AUG 93, IE2 SURVEYED THE INCIDENT LOCATION AND QUESTIONED VILLAGERS IN GIO HAI, GIO VIET, AND LONG HA CONCERNING THIS CASE. THE SURVEY OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO MATERIAL EVIDENCE OR REMAINS WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. (REF 3)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 12 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1294-0-01 (ACCNO 1472)
Name: VAN RENSELAAR, LARRY JACK

Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 22 Jun 1990

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	O2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	- DATA	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	187 lb / 84.7 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	NEVADA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QWF561896
Lat/Long: 185357N / 1053158E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: NGHE AN
(formerly):
Mission District: DIEN CHAU
Mission Date: 30 Sep 1968 2102L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES
Folders Passed: Jul 90, Aug 87, Feb 86
Investigations: Jun 93
Surveys: Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: DISCREPANCY
Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A6A	Serial: 154149
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J52P6
Call Sign: MILESTONE 404	1 Serial: 652014
Year: \$	2 Serial: #

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 12 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1294-0-02 (ACCNO 1455) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NO RECOVERED
Name: SPINELLI, DOMENICK ANTHONY Date Status assigned: 11 Jan 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	03	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	TAN
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	67 in / 1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos	BOMB/NAV
Home State	WASHINGTON	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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24 March 1975

ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1968 LTJG LARRY J. VAN RENSELAAR, PILOT, AND LT DOMENICK A. SPINELLI, BOMBARDIER/NAVIGATOR, WERE ABOARD AN A6A AIRCRAFT (BUNO 154 149) IN A FLIGHT OF THREE THAT DEPARTED THE USS CONSTELLATION ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON THE ROADS BETWEEN THE 18TH AND 19TH PARALLELS IN NORTH VIETNAM. WHILE ORBITING AT 3,500 FEET, IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) WF 752 805, THE FLIGHT WAS ALERTED BY LTJG VAN RENSELAAR'S AIRCRAFT THAT TWO SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES (SAM) HAD BEEN FIRED. ANOTHER PILOT STATED THAT HE SAW TWO MISSILES LIFTING OFF.

THE MISSILES EXPLODED, ONE HIGH AT ABOUT 12-16,000 FEET (AGL) AND ONE LOW, AT ABOUT 2-6,000 FEET (AGL), FOLLOWED BY AN EXPLOSION AND FIREBALL AT GROUND LEVEL 20 SECONDS LATER. THE FLIGHT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE FURTHER VISUAL OR ELECTRONIC CONTACT WITH LTJG VAN RENSELAAR'S AIRCRAFT. NO PARACHUTES WERE SIGHTED AND NO DISTRESS BEEPERS WERE HEARD. ALL SUBSEQUENT SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS WERE FUTILE, AND WERE TERMINATED AT ABOUT 1930 HOURS ON 1 OCTOBER 1968. THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF LTJG VAN RENSELAAR AND LT SPINELLI IS AT (GC) WF 561 896. A "RADIO HANOI" BROADCAST ON 1 OCTOBER STATED THAT AN A6 AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN OVER THE NGHE AN PROVINCE.

THIS REPORT CORRELATES WITH THE LOSS OF THE VAN RENSELAAR-SPINELLI AIRCRAFT. (REF 1 & 2)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUALS' NAMES WERE GIVEN TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. LTJG VAN RENSELAAR AND LT SPINELLI ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

28 February 1986

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON LARRY J. VAN RENSELAAR AND DOMENICK A.

CASE: 1294

SPINELLI WAS PASSED DURING THE 27-28 FEB 86 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

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24 March 1975

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

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=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

5 November 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "REGISTER OF U.S. LOSSES IN NGHE AN PROVINCE." LINE ENTRY #14 CORRELATES TO REFNO 1294 BASED ON DATE AND PROVINCE OF LOSS. (REF 5)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 11 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1295-0-01 (ACCNO 0747) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: FIESZEL, CLIFFORD WAYNE Date Status assigned: 17 Aug 1979

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	B +
Grade	O3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	000063426	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	K597021
Birth date	23 Oct 1937	Weight	163 lb / 73.8 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	TEXAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXE631311
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Country: NORTH VIETNAM
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Mission Province: QUANG BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: DONG HOI TOWN
Mission Date: 30 Sep 1968 1805L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

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Investigations: Apr 90
Surveys: Apr 90
Excavations: Apr 90
Additional Information Obtained: Apr 90, Jul 91
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: DISCREPANCY
Survivability: (2) Probably out of the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F105F	Serial: 8317
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J7519W
Call Sign: BISON 01	1 Serial: 611561
Year: 63	2 Serial: \$

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